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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Welch et al.

Serial No.: 09/889,645

Filed: January 24, 2002

For: TREATING PROTEIN-CONTAINING LIQUIDS

Confirmation No. 8639
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Examiner: Ulrike Winkler

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
(37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) month to respond to the Official Action dated July 15, 2003.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

is filed herewith.

has been filed.

3. Applicant:

Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Does not claim small entity status.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

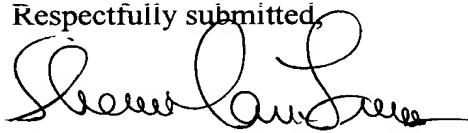
| Total Months <u>Requested</u> | Fee For Other <u>Than Small Entity</u> | Fee for <u>Small Entity</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month | \$110.00 | \$55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months | \$420.00 | \$210.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months | \$950.00 | \$475.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months | \$1,480.00 | \$740.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> five months | \$2,010.00 | \$1,005.00 |

Fee Enclosed \$110.00

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- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.
- Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,



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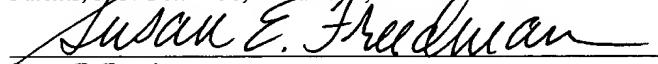
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